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The Israeli delegation succeeded in alleviating suffering and demonstrated what the Jewish state can mean to people thousands of miles away during the worst moment of their lives. The tragedy in Surfside shows the strength of the connection between American Jews and the Jewish state and that Israel is a great ally and friend to the United States. Ann and I continue to pray for the Surfside community, our Jewish community, the families and loved ones of the lost, and all of those who worked tirelessly to serve the Surfside community.

RECOGNIZING MEXICO'S GO TEAM OF CADENA INTERNATIONAL

Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the bravery and selfless service of the first responders who responded to horrific tragedy in Surfside, FL, on June 24, 2021, when the Champlain Towers South condo building suddenly collapsed in the middle of the night.

We are incredibly grateful to Mexico for sending its search and rescue specialists to aid in the response, including the "Go Team" of Cadena International, a Jewish nonprofit which has responded to more than 1,000 natural disasters and humanitarian crises since 2005. The Mexico-based team worked tirelessly in Surfside with search, rescue, and recovery efforts. We cannot thank them enough for their willingness to risk their lives for others in this incredibly dangerous work. They are heroes. Their commitment and willingness to serve will never be forgotten.

In the face of tremendous loss, the Cadena International team heeded the call to action, and for that, we will be eternally grateful. We are incredibly grateful to these heroes and their families for their bravery and determination in the face of this terrible tragedy. Ann and I continue to pray for the Surfside community, our Jewish community, the families and loved ones of the lost, and all of those who worked tirelessly to serve the Surfside community.

RECOGNIZING OUT-OF-STATE URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE TASK FORCES

Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the bravery and selfless service of the individuals who responded to the building collapse in Surfside, FL, on June 24, 2021.

I want to thank the out-of-State Urban Search and Rescue—USAR—teams from Virginia, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and emer-

gency specialists from California for responding when the Champlain Towers South condo building in Surfside, FL, suddenly collapsed in the middle of the night. They swiftly heeded the call of duty to provide search, rescue, and recovery efforts following the collapse. In the face of tremendous tragedy, they ran into danger. They are heroes.

More than 440 USAR members from New Jersey, Ohio, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Indiana were on the ground in Surfside to help supplement the search and rescue efforts. Florida is grateful for the outpouring of support from our fellow Americans. We are grateful for the task force teams that came from all over the country, traveling thousands of miles to work alongside local, State, Federal, and international counterparts in the relentless search for survivors. Their presence and efforts brought great comfort to the community and helped provide closure to the families of the victims.

Rescue crews worked tirelessly following the collapse, even when smoke and heat from a fire inside the building's standing portion hampered their efforts. They persisted when the temperatures escalated so much that some needed IVs to replenish fluids. They continued on when Tropical Storm Elsa passed nearby and dumped torrential rain. They left the pile only when they absolutely had to. They left their families back home and put it all on the line for the Surfside community. They braved conditions that the likes of us couldn't ever imagine.

I also want to thank the search and rescue dogs for their hard work to support search, rescue and recovery efforts. We cannot thank these brave men, women, and canine units enough. They are heroes who stepped up to serve the community in the wake of unprecedented and unimaginable disaster. Not only did they help lead the search, rescue, and recovery operation, they provided endless care and compassion to the families of Surfside and did everything they could to bring closure to those who lost loved ones.

We are incredibly grateful to these heroes and their families for their bravery, self-sacrifice, and determination in the face of this terrible tragedy. Ann and I are praying for the Surfside community, our Jewish community, the families and loved ones of the lost, and all of those who worked tirelessly to serve the Surfside community.

RECOGNIZING THE MIAMI-DADE FIRE RESCUE

Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the bravery and selfless service of the individuals who responded to the building collapse in Surfside, FL, on June 24, 2021.

I want to thank Miami-Dade Fire Rescue for swiftly heeding the call of duty to provide search, rescue, and recovery efforts following the collapse. In the face of tremendous tragedy, they ran into danger. They are heroes.

Miami-Dade Fire Rescue responded within minutes of the collapse, and their rapid response saved lives. They worked around the clock, and they were tireless in their pursuit to try and find survivors. These first responders braved extremely dangerous conditions to find those missing and to bring comfort and closure to the families of the victims.

Many of these responders had friends or family lost in the collapse; yet they still answered the call. Miami-Dade Fire Rescue never quit, even when smoke and heat from a fire inside the building's standing portion hampered their efforts. They persisted when the temperatures escalated so much that some needed IVs to replenish fluids. They continued on when Tropical Storm Elsa passed nearby and dumped torrential rain. They left their families and faced dangerous and life-threatening conditions, and they never gave up hope. Their work to recover victims gave closure to so many families, and I am so proud of these Florida heroes.

Not only did they help lead the search, rescue, and recovery operation, they also provided endless care and compassion to the families of Surfside and did everything they could to bring closure to those who lost loved ones.

I also want to thank the search and rescue dogs that helped this mission, along with the therapy dogs from Miami-Dade Fire Rescue, who worked in shifts to provide relief and comfort to the victims and to their loved ones.

We can never thank them and their families enough for their bravery, self-sacrifice, and determination in the face of this terrible tragedy. Ann and I are praying for the Surfside community, our Jewish community, the families and loved ones of the lost, and all of those who worked tirelessly to serve the Surfside community.

RECOGNIZING THE MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the bravery and selfless service of the individuals who responded to the building collapse in Surfside, FL, on June 24, 2021.

I want to thank the Miami-Dade Police Department—MDPD—for responding when the Champlain Towers South condo building in Surfside, FL, suddenly collapsed in the middle of the night. In the face of tremendous tragedy, they ran into danger. They are heroes.

The MDPD responded within minutes of the collapse and their rapid response saved lives. These brave men and women worked around the clock to support search and rescue efforts and provide protection and comfort to the entire Surfside community. They worked tirelessly, and they never gave up hope.

We are grateful for the MDPD's efforts to lead the investigation into the collapse and the challenging work of sifting through millions of pounds of

debris, searching for remains and personal items to bring closure to families. They worked closely with faith leaders to ensure search and rescue efforts were done with respect.

I also would like to personally thank MDPD Director Alfredo Ramirez III, Chief Rosanna Cordero-Stutz, Officer Deborah Valdes, as well as every law enforcement officer, victim advocate, and individual at the MDPD for heeding the tremendous call of duty to assist with missing persons reports and identification and notification processing for the victims and their families. This was an extremely difficult task, and they worked around the clock to bring order, comfort, and often closure to the families. Our hearts go out to all of those that lost loved ones.

I would also like to thank the MDPD chaplains who did everything they could to support the needs of those responding to the collapse and to all of the families that were impacted by this tragedy. The chaplains were a source of comfort and ensured that the emotional and religious needs of the families and first responders were met.

The MDPD also offered countless resources to the community, ensuring that short-term and long-term needs were met, including counseling and comfort, shelter, and assistance to all who needed it. They were instrumental in making sure that families were constantly updated and that all of their questions were answered in a timely and efficient manner, to the greatest extent possible. They provided as much transparency and kindness as they could during this unimaginable tragedy.

The MDPD teams worked to recover personal property and religious artifacts and followed careful collection protocols. They worked around the clock to ensure all recovered personal property and family heirlooms were treated with the utmost respect and with great consideration for faith traditions when recovering items of religious significance. So many came together, as one, in the relentless pursuit to save lives. We honor the precious lives lost and pay homage to loved ones and all those that have suffered immensely.

Our law enforcement officers put their lives on the line every day to keep Floridians safe, and this was no exception. We can never thank them enough for their bravery, self-sacrifice, and determination in the face of this terrible tragedy. Ann and I are praying for the Surfside community, our Jewish community, the families and loved ones of the lost, and all of those who worked tirelessly to serve the Surfside community.

RECOGNIZING THE SHUL OF BAL HARBOUR

Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the selfless service of the individuals who responded to

horrific tragedy in Surfside, FL, on June 24, 2021, when the Champlain Towers South condo building suddenly collapsed in the middle of the night.

Our Jewish Community, particularly Orthodox Jews, have been especially affected by this tragedy. We are incredibly grateful for the service and compassionate care of Rabbi Sholom Lipskar, Rebbetzin Chani Lipskar, Rabbi Schneur Lipskar, community leaders, The Shul members, volunteers, and all of those who worked selflessly to support our Jewish community and provided comfort during this time of need.

In the days following the Surfside tragedy, the world watched as our Jewish community united to assist and console friends, neighbors, and the countless families and individuals affected by the collapse. The outpouring of love and support was absolutely incredible, even amidst such tragedy. Hundreds gathered every day at The Shul of Bal Harbour to pray that survivors would be found.

The Surfside Jewish community has always held service and generosity to others in high regard and practiced giving daily. When the tragic collapse took place, the community quickly sprang into action. The Shul became a resource center for survivors, family members of victims, as well as first responders and rescue teams.

Hundreds were hosted by The Shul for Shabbat meals. Folding tables set up in The Shul were piled high with clothing, toys, food, electronics, and household goods for those who lost everything in the collapse. An emergency fund set up by The Shul raised funds to be disbursed directly to the victims and families. The Surfside Jewish community was a vital lifeline of support and comfort in the midst of unimaginable pain and tragedy.

There were numerous members of the synagogue that were victims of this terrible tragedy, and our hearts are heavy for them. We pray for those who were unexpectedly lost. They had great faith and served their synagogue faithfully. They will be missed greatly. Let us pray that their memory be a blessing. Ann and I continue to pray for the Surfside community, our Jewish community, the families and loved ones of the lost, and all of those who worked tirelessly to serve the Surfside community.

RECOGNIZING UNITED HATZALAH

Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the bravery and selfless service of the individuals who responded to horrific tragedy in Surfside, FL, on June 24, 2021, when the Champlain Towers South condo building suddenly collapsed in the middle of the night.

Our Jewish Community, particularly Orthodox Jews, have been especially affected by this tragedy. We are incredibly grateful to United Hatzalah for rushing in to respond following the

building collapse. They swiftly heeded the call of duty to help provide emergency medical services. In the face of tremendous tragedy, they ran into danger. They are heroes, and we can never thank them enough for their bravery and determination in the face of this terrible tragedy.

International rescue crews and emergency support organizations from Israel responded to the site to aid in the search, rescue, and recovery efforts. United Hatzalah is an Israeli volunteer-based emergency medical services organization based in Jerusalem. Its mission is to provide immediate medical intervention during the critical window between the onset of an emergency and the arrival of traditional ambulance assistance. It is one of many Hatzalah organizations in various parts of the world.

United Hatzalah of Israel sent a team to Surfside to assist the community and provide psychological support and stabilization to all those affected by the tragedy. Ann and I continue to pray for the Surfside community, our Jewish community, the families and loved ones of the lost, and all of those who worked tirelessly to serve the Surfside community.

RECOGNIZING ZAKA

Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the bravery and selfless service of the first responders who responded to the horrific tragedy on June 24, 2021, when the Champlain Towers South condo building in Surfside, FL, suddenly collapsed in the middle of the night.

Our Jewish Community, particularly Orthodox Jews, have been especially affected by this tragedy. We are incredibly grateful to ZAKA for immediately rushing in to respond following the building collapse. They swiftly heeded the call of duty to aid in rescue and recovery efforts. In the face of tremendous tragedy, they ran into danger. They are heroes.

International rescue crews and emergency support organizations from Israel responded to the site to aid in the search, rescue, and recovery efforts. ZAKA Search and Rescue, a non-profit based in Israel, specializes in search and rescue and recovering remains for proper burial under Jewish law. ZAKA sent rescue workers to Surfside to provide critical support and assist with identifications and burial preparation. They worked tirelessly and relentlessly to make sure that the needs of the community were met.

ZAKA offered resources, support, and comfort to the survivors and community in Surfside. In the face of tremendous loss, ZAKA heeded the call to action, and for that, we will be eternally grateful. We can never thank them enough for their bravery and determination in the face of this terrible tragedy. Ann and I continue to pray for the Surfside community, our Jewish community, the families and loved